



MICHIGAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Thursday, November 10, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 352 Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative Kesto.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, November 9, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons laid **HJR V**, **HJR W** and **HJR X** before the committee:

HJR V	(McBroom)	Legislature; legislators; term limits; repeal.
HJR W	(McBroom)	Legislature; legislators; term limits; revise to combination of 16 years' total legislative service.
HJR X	(McBroom)	Legislature; legislators; term limits; revise to allow a member to serve nonconcurrent terms.

TESTIMONY

Representative McBroom, sponsor of HJR V, HJR W, and HJR X, explained his joint resolutions to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

Patrick Anderson, representing the AIG Group, testified and submitted written testimony not indicating a position on the joint resolutions.

Questions and discussion followed.

Tom McMillin, representing himself, testified in opposition to the joint resolutions.

Questions and discussion followed.

Bob LaBrant, representing the Sterling Corporation, testified and submitted written testimony in support of HJR W, opposing HJR V and indicating neutrality on HJR X.

Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), testified and submitted written testimony in opposition the joint resolutions.

Greg Schmid, representing Don't Touch Term Limits Michigan, testified and submitted a handout in opposition to the joint resolutions.

Bruce Timmons, representing himself, gave his perspective on term limits.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, supports the joint resolutions.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, supports the joint resolutions.

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, supports HJR W.

Scott Tillman, representing himself, opposes the joint resolutions.

Lino Pretto, representing Purple Heart, supports the joint resolutions.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion Department of Michigan, supports the joint resolutions.

Leon Drolet, representing himself, supports term limits.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair

House Standing Committee on Elections

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

517-373-7256

1 Hour and 32 Minutes